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MEETING AT BONN

1. SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 23 FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON SUPPLIED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE MEETING OF EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT BONN, INCLUDING THEIR DISCUSSION OF MBFR, CSCE AND THE MIDDLE EAST. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR FURTHER US-EUROPEAN CONSULTATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST; SUGGESTED THAT MR. DONALDSON MEET FIRST WITH EC OFFICIALS SHOULD HE COME TO EUROPE; AND PROPOSED THAT EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND US REPRESENTATIVES MEET BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY. END SUMMARY

2. MBFR. DAVIGNON SAID THE EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DID NOT DISCUSS TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF MBFR BUT DID AGREE UPON THE NEED FOR THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO ASSESS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF MBFR. AMONG THESE WERE MBFR IMPLICATIONS FOR CSCE. THEY ALSO AGREED THERE SHOULD BE NO CAUCUS OF EC-SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES AT VIENNA, SINCE THERE WAS ONLY A SINGLE, NATO POSITION IN MBFR TALKS. DAVIGNON THOUGH PERSONALLY, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL OF THE EC-NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO QTE MONITOR UNQTE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF MBFR. (IT IS MY IMPRESSION HE BELIEVES THIS WOULD PROVIDE FRANCE A BACK-DOOR ENTRY INTO MBFR DISCUSSIONS.)

3. CSCE. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMON VIEW THAT THE CSCE THIRD STAGE SHOULD NOT CULMINATE IN A QTE FIREWORKS UNQTE. RATHER, IT SHOULD END WITH A MEETING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL--DEFINITELY NOT AT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OR CHIEFS OF STATE--TO AVOID EUPHORIA AND CREATION OF FALSE EXPECTATIONS.

4. MIDDLE EAST. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EC COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY IN GENEVA. HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE THE EC COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE A ROLE GUARANTEEING AN EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT. WHEN I ASKED

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WHAT FORM EC GUARANTEES MIGHT TAKE, DAVIGNON REPLIED THAT THEY COULD PROVIDE QTE REINSURANCE UNQTE, E.G., WITH RESPECT TO "FREE SHIPPING." UPON FURTHER PRODDING. DAVIGNON SAID THAT SPECIFIC QTE GUARANTEES UNQTE WERE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. THE POLITICAL DIRECTOS ALSO CONSIDERED INVITING ALL ARAB STATES, PRODUCERS AND NON-PRODUCERS, TO JOIN THE EC-NINE IN CONSIDERING FORMS OF ECONOMIC

COOPERATION, THUS SIDE-STEPPING POLITICAL ISSUES.
DAVIGNON NOTED THAT THE MATCHING OF ARAB CAPITAL AND
EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY SHOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR SUCH
COOPERATION. (HE DID NOT MENTION THE DISCUSSION ON
AN EC REPLY TO THE ARABE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT
COPENHAGEN THAT ISRAEL AMBASSADOR ALON SPOKE TO
ME ABOUT LAST WEEK --BRUSSELS 358.)

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND US-
EUROPEAN RELATIONS. DAVIGNON SAID HE BELIEVES
IT IMPORTANT FOR THE US, EITHER BILATERALLY OR
MULTILATERALLY, TO KEEP ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES
INFORMED ABOUT STEPS TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST AGREE-
MENT. HE SAID THIS SHOULD INCLUDE ASSESSMENTS
OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND OF CONTINGENCIES THAT
MIGHT ARISE. HE NOTED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SISCO'S VISIT TO BRUSSELS PROVIDED A GOOD START
ON CONSULTATIONS AND, IN RESPONSE TO MY INQUIRY,
INDICATED THAT A RETURN VISIT WOULD BE MOST
HELPFUL. IF CONSULTATIONS WERE NOT CONTINUED,
HE SAID, WE WOULD BE BACK TO SQUARE ONE AND
QTE COMPLAINTS UNQTE WOULD AGAIN ARISE.

6. DONALDSON VISIT. DAVIGNON ASKED ABOUT MR.
DONALDSON'S PLANS ON VISITING EUROPE. DAVIGNON
SAID THAT IF HE CAME TO EUROPE HIS FIRST CALL
SHOULD BE ON THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NOT ONE
OF THE MEMBER CAPITALS. N.B. SEE USEC 309 FOR CAUTIONARY
VIEWS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE ARE POINTS I SHOULD MAKE TO
DAVIGNON ON DONALDSON VISIT.

7. FINALLY, DAVIGNON SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE
SOME INDICATION OF WHEN THE EC-NINE POLITICAL
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DIRECTORS TALKS WITH US REPRESENTATIVES (HARTMAN/
SONNENFELDT) MIGHT RESUME. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD
THAT THIS MIGHT NOT BE BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 11
CONFERENCE ON ENERGY; BUT HE FEELS DISCUSSIONS
SHOULD RESUME BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY TO
FACILITATE TIMELY COMPLETION OF THE EC-US
DECLARATION.
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